OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: INVITE SENATOR KENNEDY TO DEC. 12, 11:30 A.M, MEETING WITH SENATOR DASCHLE

DATE 12/10/01 **CC:** FILE

As we just discussed in your office, Fred and I think you should invite Senator Kennedy to your 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, meeting with Senator Daschle. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) conference report does not address IDEA at all. According to Fred, rumors on the Hill are that Senator Kennedy is the one saying it is okay not to include it, which isn't good for a Democratic senator to be saying. As the NGA lead governor on education and as co-chair of the newly formed NGA/Chief State School Officers workgroup on IDEA, we think it would be a good idea for you to invite Kennedy to the meeting to solicit his thoughts or ideas on IDEA.

The meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. in Room S120 of the U.S. Capitol. Senator Kennedy's office number is 202-224-4543.

Thanks!